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Knowledge and Temporality in Medieval and Renaissance Scotland

Knowledge seems to have played a special role in Older Scots literature as a means of engaging with as well as distancing itself from contemporary English literature. Late medieval Scottish discourses are characterized by a consciousness of historical distinction that pervades different fields of knowledge, such as science, philosophy and historiography. The conference will focus on late medieval Scottish perceptions of knowledge and its relation to concepts of time, history and historicity, and on the aesthetic and performative strategies through which knowledge is fixed, transmitted and transformed didactically.

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'Episteme in Motion. Transfer of Knowledge from the Ancient World to the Early Modern Period'
Project Bo1 'Artefacts, Treasures and Ruins - Materiality and Historicity in the Literature of the English and Scottish Middle Ages'

Venue:

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International Workshop
3-4 September 2015

THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2015

- 10:00 Welcome address
- 10:30 **ALASDAIR A. MACDONALD**
*Rijksuniversiteit Groningen and
University of Glasgow*
The Functionalisation of (Pseudo-)
Encyclopedic Knowledge in Selected
Texts of Older Scottish Literature
- 11:20 Coffee break
- 11:50 **WOLFRAM R. KELLER**
Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
'Re-Medievalizing' the *Oikos*: Mental
Household Management in Late
Medieval Dream Visions
- 12:40 **LUUK A. J. R. HOUWEN**
Ruhr-Universität Bochum
False Fables and Exemplary Truth:
Henryson's Fables
- 13:30 Lunch break
- 15:00 **DAVID J. PARKINSON**
University of Saskatchewan
Style-Switching as Performative
Strategy

15:50 **JANET HADLEY WILLIAMS**
Australian National University
'In Tiberus Tyme': The Past and its
Uses in Older Scots Comic Verse

16:40 Coffee break

17:10 **ELIZABETH ELLIOTT**
University of Aberdeen
Love's Knowledge and *The Testament
of Cresseid*

18:00 Refreshments

FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2015

- 9:30 **JOANNA M. MARTIN**
University of Nottingham
'The Present World': Knowledge and
the World in the Poetry of William
Lauder
- 10:20 **KATE ASH**
University of Manchester
Reaping the Mind: Memory, Self-
Knowledge and Confessional Practice in
Late-Medieval Scotland

11:10 Coffee break

11:40 **R. JAMES GOLDSTEIN**
Auburn University
Rhetorical *Ductus* and Middle Scots
Aesthetics

12:30 **STUART CAMPBELL**
National Museum of Scotland
The Meaning and Language of Objects
– Transmission of Knowledge through
Material Culture in Medieval Scotland

13:20 Lunch break

14:50 **ANNE MCKIM**
University of Waikato
'Bot Wyt Ye Weill Withoutyn Lesing':
Knowing and Truth-Telling in Older
Scots Historiography

15:40 **KATHERINE H. TERRELL**
Hamilton College
Transmitting the Past: Genealogy and
Textuality in Medieval Scottish
Historiography

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 **ROGER MASON**
University of St Andrews
Time, Truth and the Uses of History:
Chronicling the Past in Renaissance
Scotland

17:50 Round-Up / Coffee